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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

JOINT PETITION OF AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 13, 2002

AMERICAN WATER WORKS COMPANY, INC. CASE NO. PUA010082

and

THAMES WATER AQUA HOLDINGS GMBH

For approval under the Utility Transfers Act, § 56-88 et seq. of the Code of Virginia

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR RESPONSE

On February 12, 2002, American Water Works Company, Inc., and Thames Water Aqua Holdings GmbH (collectively, the "Petitioners") filed a motion requesting additional time to respond to the Comments filed by the Hopewell Committee for Fair Water Rates (the "Committee") on February 5, 2002. The Petitioners specifically request that the time for filing such response be extended from February 14, 2002, to February 19, 2002.

In support of their request, Petitioners state that they are currently in discussions with the Committee and hope to resolve issues raised in the Committee's Comments. Petitioners

¹ Pursuant to an Order entered on February 7, 2002, the Commission allowed Petitioners until February 14, 2002, to file any response to the Committee's Comments.

state that, through counsel, both the Committee and the Commission's Staff support the requested extension.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that Petitioners' request is reasonable and should be granted. We will also extend the date for any reply the Committee may have to Petitioners' response.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Petitioner's motion for additional time to file response is hereby granted.
- (2) The date for Petitioners to file any response they may have to the Committee's Comments is hereby extended from February 14, 2002, to February 19, 2002.
- (3) The date for the Committee to file any reply it may have to the Petitioners' response is hereby extended from February 19, 2002, to February 25, 2002.